

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Aquatic Resource
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND/EXTEND A DLNR/RCUH AGREEMENT
(CONTRACT NO. 52850) TO PROVIDE \$432,353.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2007
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008 FOR A DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES' AQUATIC
INVASIVE SPECIES PROJECT**

Submitted herewith for your consideration is a request to amend and extend a Project Agreement (Contract No. 52850) between the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). Amendment No. 4 provides \$432,353 for the Division of Aquatic Resources' Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) project. The Amendment will extend the time period of the contract from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The Hawaii Invasive Species Council is authorizing \$300,000 for the project through LNR 402, Appropriation 314, Special Land Development Fund–Watershed Projects. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coral Reef Conservation Program has awarded DLNR \$104,915 for the invasive species work, with the State providing a required match of \$17,438 (LNR 401 General Fund). Additionally, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded \$10,000 for the project.

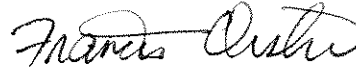
Funds will be used for new and on-going project activities and continued support of the experimental Aquatic Invasive Species Response Team on Oahu and in Hilo. A major focus will be the continued development of tools required to scientifically monitor alien species populations in known "hot spot" areas statewide while also detecting new introductions at an early stage of introduction. NOAA funds will also support research dealing with hull fouling issues on recreational vessels as well as the development of chemical tools for invasive species control. Both of these activities are applied research on the risks and tools for invasive species management.

Approval to amend the Project Agreement has been requested from Governor Linda Lingle, through the Department of Budget and Finance. Preliminary approval as to form for Amendment No. 4 is being requested from the Department of the Attorney General.

RECOMMENDATION:

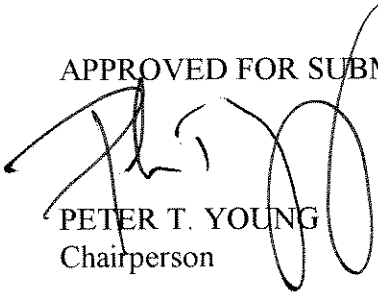
"That the Board authorize the Chairperson to negotiate and, subject to necessary approvals, amend/extend Contract No. 52850 between the Board and the RCUH for the Aquatic Invasive Species Project."

Respectfully submitted,



DAN POLHEMUS
Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



PETER T. YOUNG
Chairperson